

Appln. No. 09/594,719
July 28, 2005 Restriction Requirement

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



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Title: UTILIZING DATA REDUCTION IN STEGANOGRAPHIC
AND CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Commissioner:

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Office Action of June 28, 2005, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the claims in Group I (namely, claims 1-72), with traverse.

Remarks/Arguments

Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement for restriction and requests reconsideration and withdrawal.

There are two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions: 1) The inventions must be independent; and 2) There must be a serious burden on the Examiner to examine the additional inventions. MPEP 803.